

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 42, 48, 49, 50 and 51. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to claims 42 and 50-51 setting forth certain informalities. Applicant has corrected the informalities and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection to claims 42 and 50-51.

The Examiner has rejected claim 48 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In view of the amendments to claim 48, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 48 complies with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected claim 52 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Yasuo, stating that Fig. 3 thereof shows each and every element of Applicant's claim 52.

In reply thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that not only does Yasuo not show each and every element of Applicant's invention but also Yasuo has a publication date of July 6, 2001 and Applicant's priority date is July 17, 2000, which is before Yasuo. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Yasuo is not a proper reference against Applicant's application and should be withdrawn. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 52 is also allowable.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 41, 42, 46 and 48-52 all are allowable and Applicant accepts these allowed claims.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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